Google Chrome

The Google Chrome Web Browser has many features that can lend support to struggling students. It can also be a time saver for teachers.

Extensions   vs.   Apps

Extensions are add-ons to Google Chrome that can be accessed in any web page and/or using Google Drive within the Chrome Browser.

Chrome Apps are basically shortcuts to websites that can be easily seen and obtained by clicking on your apps icon in your Chrome toolbar.
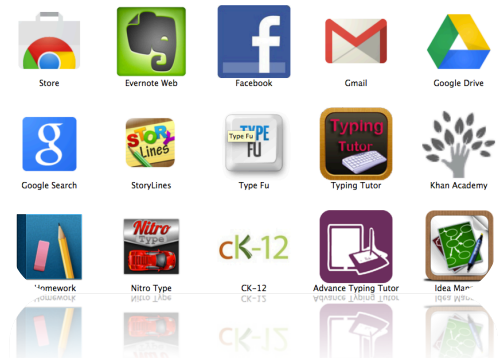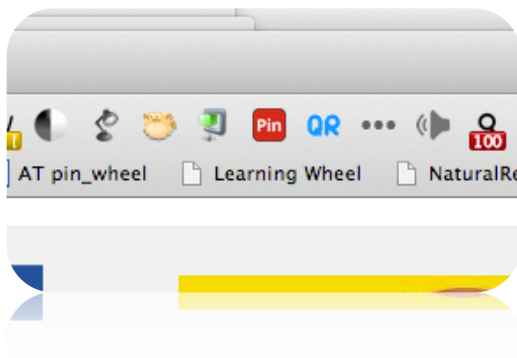
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Dyslexic Reader	Pin It	Typing Club	Quizlet
AdBlock Plus	ATbar	Typing Tutor	Voice Recognition
Google Dictionary	TLDR	Nitro Type	MyHomework
Readability	High Contrast	Idea Mapper	VoiceNote II
EZ Zoom	Split Screen	Mindmup	
QR Code Generator		Mindmeister	
Read & Write for Google		Story Lines	
Incredible Start Screen		Picto4Me	
Goo.gl URL Shortener		Khan Academy	
Simple Highlighter			
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Chrome Toolbox is a web-based resource to find extensions and apps for students with disabilities created by John Calvert & Mark Surablan. It can be found at www.chrometoolbox.com.
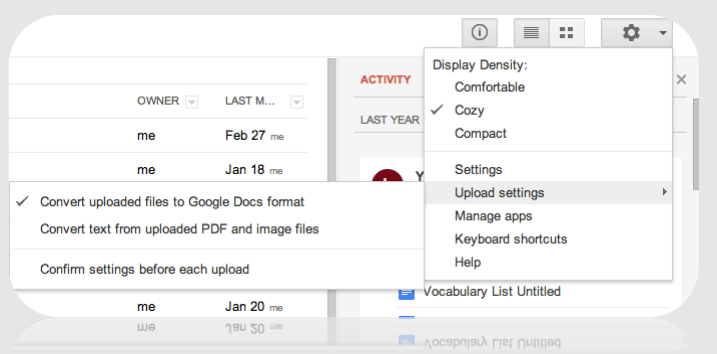
Google Drive

Google Drive Tools

Google Drive has many features built in to assist students with projects including research tools as well as OCR upload features.

CONVERTING PDF TO OCR

For best results, the image or PDF files need to meet certain requirements:

-Resolution: High-resolution files work best. – Orientation: Only documents with horizontal left-to-right text are recognized.

-Languages, fonts and character sets: Drive OCR supports a number of character sets, but support for non-Latin character sets is still experimental. You'll get better results if your file includes common fonts such as Arial or Times New Roman.

-High quality: sharp images with even lightning and clear contrasts will work best. Motion blur or bad camera focus will decrease the quality of the detected text.

File Size Limitations:

The maximum size for images (.jpg, .gif, .png) and PDF files (.pdf) is 2MB. For PDF files only use the first 10 pages when searching for text to extract.

RESEARCH TOOLS

By going to tools in your Drive toolbar, and selecting Research Tools, it opens a new pane on the right side of your document. You can then change your search criteria by clicking on the pull down box next to the default Google icon.

Under the Search box, there is a pull down that allows you to filter your search criteria and choose your citation format. When dragging photos or information into your document, Google will automatically add your citation information, in the format your chose, to your document.
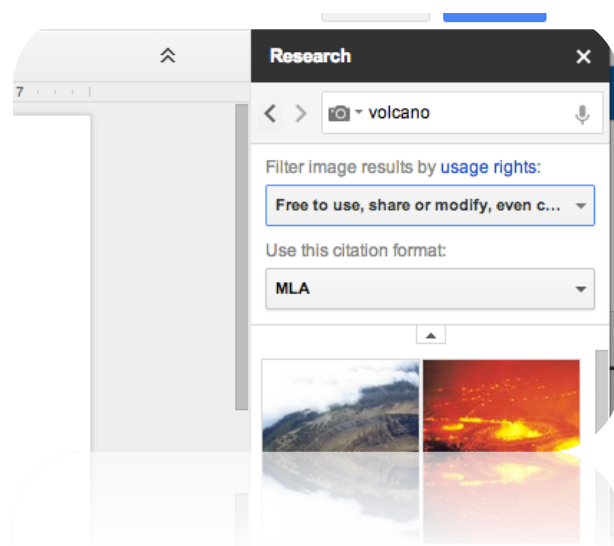
Google Drive

Google Drive Add-Ons

Google Drive has just added Add-Ons to it's toolbar. Here you can find additional tools for student supports
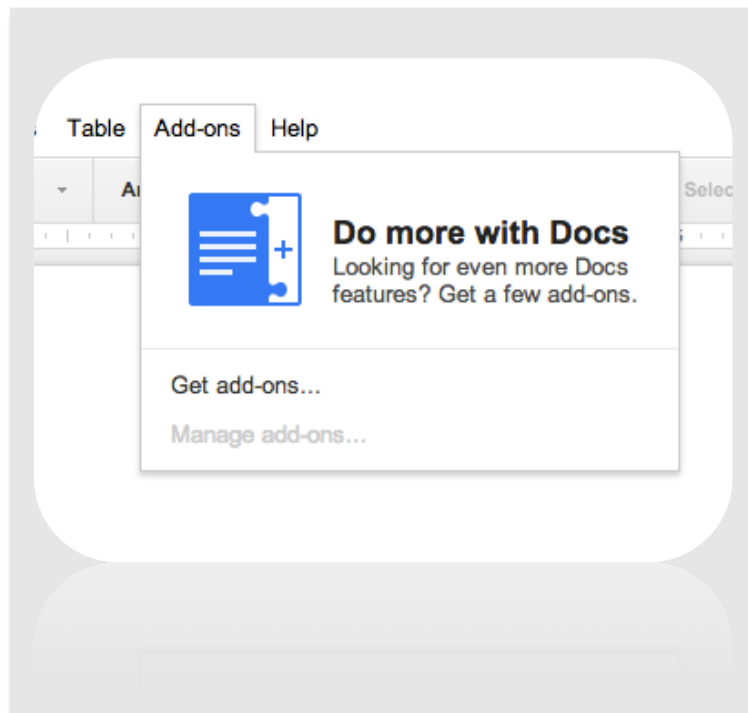
Texthelp Study Skills Add-On: Tool is great to use for almost any content area or grade level. Simply highlights the selected text and will extract it and place it into a new document for review. Some possible strategies include: key facts, difficult words, parts of sentences, words containing special sounds, and main idea/supporting detail.

EasyBib Bibliography Creator: Tool opens on the right side making it easy for students to search books, journal articles, or websites and choose the appropriate format from APA, MLA, or Chicago and add the citation to their Google Doc.

Thesaurus: Double click on a word to highlight. Select Thesaurus under the Add-On in Menu, the tool will open on right side displaying synonym, antonym, and more as available.

ProWritingAid: Improve your writing. Check your writing for consistency, plagiarism, acronyms, clichés, redundancies, grammar mistakes and more.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZqX6oc wHWU

Table   Add-ons   Help

Do more with Docs
Looking for even more Docs features? Get a few add-ons.

Get add-ons...

Manage add-ons...

To get Add-ons – find the Add-On option in your Google Docs menu. Click on Get More Add-ons. You can explore what is there, click on the option to get more information about that particular add-on. Click on FREE to add this to your Google Docs account.

If you get an add-on and you later decide you do not want that add-on, you can click on Add-on on your menu and click on Manage Add-ons. If you click on the green Manage, you can remove the add-on.

iPad Apps

Co:Writer
Education
➕ $19.99 ⌄

Co:Writer Universal
Education
➕ Free ⌄
$99/Year

SoundNote
Productivity
$4.99 ⌄

WritePad for iPad
Utilities
$1.99 ⌄
In-App Purchases

Read2Go
Education
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Prizmo - Scanning, OCR...
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